



Society for the Arts  
Active Singles 50+  
Newsletter

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**President's Message**

I hope you came out to enjoy the variety of activities on the March SFA calendar. We had good turn-outs for many of our events last month including quite a few guests whom we hope will decide to become members so they can continue to enjoy the variety of activities and social opportunities SFA offers.

April 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of a year-long Membership Drive. It's your chance to help SFA grow its membership and be rewarded for your efforts with a discount on your own membership dues. You'll find detailed information inside this newsletter. Carol Hasher will be keeping track of the guests that you bring to events. Make sure your guest completes a Guest Registration form so that you get credit. These forms will be available from the event host.

We've placed some new activities on our April calendar. Check out the combined dinner/art walk event planned for April 7. This will be a Video Artwalk in Scottsdale, which means some of the art will be projected onto buildings.

We know that many of you miss our dances. We've planned a dinner/dance event at the American Legion in Scottsdale on April 22. As a Veteran, Howard Calvert is able to sponsor a limited number of guests for this so get your RSVP in to him quickly if your toes are twinkling to dance. *(I think I heard Howard promise to dance with all the ladies!)*

I'm very excited about the Pinot's Palette event scheduled for April 26. This is a wine and painting party and we are doing it as both a FUN and a FUNdraiser event. No painting experience or artistic ability is required! Just sign-up for fun and a portion of the fee will come back to SFA. This event is open to guest(s) and will not be counted towards the three-event limit before they must decide whether to join SFA.

We are still hoping to do a Casino Night Party as a fundraiser but have not been able to locate an appropriate space for it. Do any of you have or know of a space that could accommodate this at a reasonable rental fee? Perhaps a community clubhouse with an outdoor patio, or another type of venue with both inside and outside space? Please contact me or any other Board member if you can help in this way. We would need space for about 4 blackjack tables, a 10' craps table, and a roulette table, plus an area for regular tables and chairs, a food set up, and a small dance area.

In closing, I want to thank all of the dedicated Board members and committee chairs who work very hard to organize and host our events each month. They do a lot to make SFA a unique singles organization. YOU can contribute by attending the events they plan. I look forward to seeing you out and about in April!

Joanne Handlong, President

### Welcome To New Members

We'd like to welcome this new member to SFA:

	<u>Date Joined</u>
Maggie Wright	2/6/16

Please seek her out at events and chat with her. She'll appreciate your taking the time to get to know her and to make her feel welcome.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS ON APRIL 1, 2016

Great news for all SFA members! We know how much fun being a member can be. SFA offers over 100 events a year and a variety of activities to choose from each month. Now you can share the fun with your friends and be rewarded for your effort.

Refer new members and you'll receive a discount on your next membership renewal fee: 10% discount for one new member, 25% discount for two, and 50% discount for three. The drive starts on April 1, 2016 and referrals need to take place within one year from your renewal date or, for new members, the date you joined.

How? Invite someone to attend an SFA event as your guest. They can come with you to the event, or, when they arrive, they can tell the host they are there at your invitation. They can attend up to three events as a guest before making a decision of whether to join SFA.

To be eligible to get credit for the contest, the new member must list your name on their membership application and submit the application along with their \$75.00 Membership Fee.

This is a great way to introduce your friends to our group and to get involved in helping grow our membership.

For more information, contact Carol Hasher at [membership@societyforthearts.org](mailto:membership@societyforthearts.org).

### Mail your event payments to:



**SFA Treasurer  
P.O. Box 5566  
Scottsdale, AZ 85261**

Make checks payable to "Society for the Arts" and write the name of the event in the memo section.

### Or Use Paypal

Go to [www.societyforthearts.org](http://www.societyforthearts.org) and click on the paypal link. You can use your credit card here.

### INTRODUCE YOURSELF WITH A NAMETAG



Do you still have one of the SFA plastic nametags, the kind with our old logo? If so, please wear it when you attend an SFA event. It's a great way to introduce yourself to guests and new members plus it's an advertisement for SFA. If you don't have one, contact Carol Hasher, [membership@societyforthearts.org](mailto:membership@societyforthearts.org), and she will make one for you. We're going to start issuing them to new members. We will also have paper nametags available at events for guests and members who don't have the plastic type. It's a way of making everyone feel welcome and also a way to disguise those senior moments that we all have from time to time!

# Arts

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### THEATRE EVENT

**April 2, Saturday, 7:30 pm**

#### *This Ain't Your Momma's Macbeth*

Presented by Class 6 Theatre at the Mesa Arts Center, Farnsworth Studio Theater, 1 E. Main Street, Mesa. Fast, furious, and surprisingly funny, this is Shakespeare's great freight train of a tale, set in a lunatic asylum. It's absolutely not "traditional" Shakespeare, no, but it's fun, clever, and one heck of an entertaining horror story. From one angle, it's the story of Macbeth; from another, it's life in an asylum. Which one's real? We keep you guessing till the end. **Tickets: \$21.00. Pre-show Dinner** at 5:00 pm, Il Vinaio Restaurant and Wine Bar, 270 W. Main Street, Mesa. SFA reservation deadline has passed. Contact Howard Shapiro, [howard-mesa2@gmail.com](mailto:howard-mesa2@gmail.com), (480) 962-9321, for information. [www.mesaartscenter.com](http://www.mesaartscenter.com)

### DINNER & ARTWALK

**April 7, Thursday,**

**Dinner @ 5 pm at Citizen's Public House**  
7111 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Scottsdale, (480) 398-4208

**Art Walk 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

**RSVP by 4/5**

Let's start the evening with dinner at this contemporary, upscale version of the traditional public house. Order from the dinner menu or from the Social Menu which includes barrel-aged cocktails, chef's bites, half-priced beer & wine and more, served between 3 and 6 pm. View the menu at: <http://www.citizenpublichouse.com/food>. Following dinner, we will head down Marshall Way for the special Video ArtWalk. The ArtWalk will present a popular new trend in the visual arts with video artworks. Images and shows will be displayed on the exterior walls of buildings, in vacant storefronts and in galleries. Pop street musicians and entertainers will perform along the ArtWalk line to capture the new age of visual and performance mediums. **Contact** Joanne Handlong, (480) 491-3326, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), to make a reservation for dinner or for information re meeting up for the ArtWalk, **by 4/5.**

### CULINARY LUNCH

**April 8, Friday. 1 pm**

**Tommy Bahama's Bistro, Kierland Commons,**  
15205 N Kierland Blvd., Scottsdale

**RSVP BY 4/6**

Celebrate spring with SFA friends, at Tommy Bahama's bistro, located in Kierland Commons. We will meet for a delightful lunch and energetic conversation. **Contact** Andria Mori (602)667-8170 or e-mail: [amori@cox.net](mailto:amori@cox.net)

### MOVIES AND DINNER

**April 10, Sunday**

Join Bill Plank and other SFA members and guests for a movie, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant. The movie title, location and time will be emailed to those who ask for the information. To be put on the email list and automatically receive an email each month send your email address to [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) or contact Bill at (602) 942-3151.



### BOARD MEETING

**April 12, Tuesday, 6:30 pm**

**Mimi's Cafe, 8980 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale.**

All members welcome at the SFA Board of Directors' meeting. We meet in a private room. Come to share thoughts, ideas and concerns. We welcome your participation. Come at 5:30 pm to order your own food and drink. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm. **Contact** Joanne Handlong, President, [justjo34@gmail.com](mailto:justjo34@gmail.com), (480) 491-3326, for information.

### SOCIAL

**April 14, Thursday 4-7 pm**

**Sapporo, 14344 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale**

480-607-1114, Contemporary pan-Asian specialties, including sushi and teppanyaki, and hand-made cocktails. Please remember to tip our friendly wait staff.

**Contact Information:** Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802

## LUNCH AND GAMES

**April 16, Saturday, 12:30–4:00 pm**  
**The Terraces, 7550 N. 16th St., Phoenix**  
**RSVP BY 4/14**

Join us this month for new, surprise games. We will meet for lunch at 12:30 pm in The Terraces dining room. Wine and other beverages are included in the \$10 price (tax and tip included). Games and socializing will follow in a private room. Water, ice, napkins and plastic cups will be provided. Bring your favorite game. Contact Carole Sobel, [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com), if you want to attend. **Directions:** When you reach 16 St. and Morton St. (traffic light) turn west. Go to the third driveway on the left, pull into the parking lot and walk straight ahead to the lobby. Ask at the front desk for the Dining Room. Walk-in's cannot be accommodated.

## BOOK CLUB

**April 18, Monday, 7:15 pm**  
**The Wildflower Bread Company, 7001 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale (Indian Bend and Scottsdale Roads)** We will be discussing *Vanessa and Her Sister*

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CLUB

by Priya Parmar. A private room is reserved. Arrive at 6:30 pm to order a bite to eat and socialize before the meeting which starts at 7:15 pm. All members and guests who have read the book are welcome. The book selection for May has not yet been made. For further information contact Irene Rubens at [irene.g@cox.net](mailto:irene.g@cox.net)

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARTS

**April 21, Thursday 1:15 pm**

We will meet in the lobby of the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Arts, 7374 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale, to participate in the 1:30 docent tour of Betye Saar's exhibit *Still Tickin'*. There is a touch of alchemy to Betye Saar's artwork: transforming the simple and mundane into powerful art. Since the 1960s, her compelling, astute and expressive works reflect on African- American identity, spirituality and the interconnectedness between different cultures. She was a pioneer of assemblage art, using found objects to create collages and sculptural works, in the 1960s. And she was an important figure in LA's Black Arts Movement, making a splash with 1972's "The Liberation of Aunt Jemima," which took the familiar "mammy" stereotype and armed her with a rifle and hand grenade. Admission is free and those who wish may have dinner at The Terraces later (a 20 minute drive). Contact Carole Sobel (602-545-4400, [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) [www.smoca.org](http://www.smoca.org)

## DANCING

**Friday, April 22, 5:30 pm**  
**American Legion (Post 44), 7145 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale,**

Feel like dancing? Join us Friday (4/22), at 5:30 for dinner and live music starting at 6 o'clock. We will have a limited number (8) of participants for this activity ... So don't delay. We will be Howard Calvert's guests. Contact Howard at 520-975-2802 for your reservation. It's something new, please join us!



## THEATRE EVENT

**April 23, Saturday, 7:30 pm**  
***The Drowsy Chaperone***  
**RSVP 4/6**

Presented by ASU Lyric Opera at the Evelyn Smith Music Hall, Music Building, 50 Gammage Parkway. When a die-hard theatre fan plays his favorite cast album, the characters come to life in this hilarious musical farce. Winner of 5 TONY Awards (including Best Book and Best Original Score), "The Drowsy Chaperone" is a loving send-up of the Jazz age musical featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. *The Drowsy Chaperone* is a masterful meta-musical, poking fun at all the tropes that characterize the musical theatre genre. **Tickets: \$12.00** (Sr. Rate). **Pre-show Dinner** at 5:00 pm, Riazzi's Italian Garden, 2700 S. Mill Ave., Tempe. **Contact** Carole Sobel, (602) 595-4400, [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com), for tickets and dinner reservations **by 4/6/16**. [www.riazzisitaliangarden.com](http://www.riazzisitaliangarden.com)

## FOREIGN/DOCUMENTARY/ INDEPENDENT FILMS

**April 24, Sunday**

SFA members are invited to see a Foreign/ Documentary/Independent Film with this group. Dinner will follow at a nearby restaurant. The time, location and title will be emailed by Carole Sobel on April 14. Contact Carole Sobel [cesobel@gmail.com](mailto:cesobel@gmail.com) if you wish to receive information about this activity



## WINE AND PAINTING

**April 26, Tuesday, 6 to 9 pm**  
**Pinot's Palette, 10625 N. Tatum Blvd, Ste D142, Phoenix**  
**(Located in Paradise Village Gateway)**



**RSVP by 4/17**

Join us for an evening of fun, friends, and art as we sip wine and paint our own masterpieces. See flyer attachment.

## SOCIAL

**April 28, Thursday 4-7 pm**  
**BLT Steak at the Camelback Inn**  
**5402 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale**

Reservations are not permitted for Happy Hour so please come early! Self parking or complimentary valet parking available. Extensive Happy Hour including burgers, sliders, popovers, escargot, Caesar salad, chocolate espresso petit four sundae. \$5-6 wine, specialty cocktails and \$5 BLT brews. There will be music in the lounge from 7-10 pm.

Contact Information: Howard Calvert (520) 975-2802

## FUTURE ACTIVITIES NOTE RSVP DATES

### KENTUCKY DERBY

**May 7, Saturday**  
**Turf Paradise, 1501 W. Bell Rd., Phoenix**

**RSVP BY 3/30**

Join your SFA friends for a fun day at Turf Paradise, 1501 W. Bell Road, Phoenix. First live post is 11:30 A.M. and the Kentucky Derby race will run approximately at 3:24 P.M. We will have reservations at the Clubhouse Buffet room which is air conditioned, glass enclosed and has access to the paddock and horses. **Price is \$50.00** which includes 2 all you can eat buffets, admission, seating, tax, gratuity and a souvenir Kentucky Derby glass. Gates open at 7:15 A.M. Breakfast Buffet is 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Lunch Buffet is 11:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. There are \$2 bets and up. It's fun to just watch the horses run, but more fun to bet and win. Ladies, this is your chance to dress up and wear a great hat. There is a prize for the best hat. Men, you may want to dress to match the ladies. There is no dress code, but many people like to dress like they are at the real Kentucky Derby. Your reservation reserves your seat at the table all day long and you can come and go as you please.

VERY IMPORTANT! To attend, you must make a reservation with Linda Dorothy, (480) 773-0988, lin-



dorethy1@gmail.com , **by 3/30/16.** Send a check for your reservation to the SFA Treasurer by March 30<sup>th</sup> or pay with a credit card via the PayPal option on the SFA website, [www.societyforthearts.org](http://www.societyforthearts.org). **Your reservation is a commitment to pay and cancellations cannot be accepted after March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## THEATRE EVENT

**May 14, Saturday, 2:00 pm**

***The Gospel According to Thomas Jefferson, Charles Dickens and Count Leo Tolstoy: Discord (Comedy)***

**RSVP by 4/27**

Presented by Arizona Theatre Company at the Herberger Theatre Center, Mainstage, 222 E. Monroe, Phoenix. A Founding Father, a Victorian novelist and a Russian revolutionary walk into a ... stop me if you've heard this one. Join us for a laugh-out-loud, whip-smart new comedy as *Discord* takes the third U.S. President, the author of *A Christmas Carol*, and the author of *War and Peace*, locks them in room with 'no exit', and has them hash out their views of scripture and the true meaning of existence. A blistering battle of wits from Scott Carter, Executive Producer of HBO's *Real Time with Bill Maher*, this perceptive new comedy examines what happens when great men of history are forced to repeat it. **Tickets: \$39.00** (group rate for 10 or more: \$52.00 if less than 10). **After-show Dinner** at District American Kitchen and Wine Bar, 320 N. Third St., Phoenix. **Contact** Nancy Crimmings, (602) 910-9490, [nlcrimmings@gmail.com](mailto:nlcrimmings@gmail.com), for tickets and dinner reservations **by 4/27/16.**

## OUTDOOR BALLETT EVENT

**June 4, Saturday, 8:00 pm**

***An Evening at Desert Botanical Garden***

**1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix**

**RSVP by 5/2**

Ballet Arizona returns to the Desert Botanical Garden for an enchanting evening that embraces the desert as a stunning backdrop for the choreography of Ballet Arizona's Ib Andersen. Join us for a magical night of ballet under the stars. **Tickets:** SFA has reserved bistro table seating for 12 (3 tables of 4) at **\$55.00** per ticket. Food will be available for purchase; cash bar. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. **Contact** Bill Plank, (602) 942-3151, [bill.408@hotmail.com](mailto:bill.408@hotmail.com), for tickets **by 5/2.** General seating tickets are available for \$36.00 on-line at [www.balletaz.org](http://www.balletaz.org).

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# April 2016

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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The mission of the Society for the Arts is to raise money through social events and fundraising to benefit the arts in the greater Phoenix area. Founded in 1986, Society for the Arts is a 501c(3) organization.

### SFA Guest Policy

We welcome guests to attend up to three SFA events but after the 3<sup>rd</sup> visit, they must join before attending any more events. This includes theater, culinary lunches, happy hours and all other events except those which are open to the public.

### SFA Membership Fee

\$75.00 per year\*  
Contact SFA Membership Chair:  
Carol Hasher, member-  
ship@societyforthearts.org  
The Membership Application can be downloaded  
and printed from our website  
\*Dues increased to \$75 per year on April 1, 2016